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*Bulgaria: Party Secretary Zhivkov's address at the eighth party congress and his purge of eight prominent Stalinist officials are a reaffirmation of his support for Khrushchev's policies of coexistence and de-Stalinization.

Zhivkov announced that two politburo members, Premier Yugov and former Interior Minister Tsankov, had been stripped of all party and government posts. Six other one-time Ministry of Interior officials were also purged in what may clear the way for a rehabilitation of victims of Stalinist repressions of the early 1950s.

Zhivkov's move against the top Stalinists probably presages a widespread shake-up in lower party levels, the stronghold of Stalinist strength.

Following the lead of other East European leaders, Zhivkov may now assume the premiership.

According to the official summary of his speech, Zhivkov said that peaceful coexistence and international disarmament are not opportunistic or a "retreat before imperialism," a charge that has been made by Peiping and Tirana. While he did not specifically attack China, he said that these policies had "revisionist and dogmatic" enemies who were in effect serving "imperialism."

Zhivkov followed the Soviet line on Cuba, claiming that Moscow had won a "great moral and political victory" in "compelling" the US to declare that it would not invade Cuba. He did not go as far as Moscow, however, in commenting on the Sino-Indian border war. He said simply that he hopes both sides will find ways of solving their problems.

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*India - Communist China - Pakistan: Nehru has again rejected a suggestion from Moscow that Peiping's proposals for a mutual withdrawal form a basis for ending the border war.

The Indian Army is increasingly concerned about reports of a Chinese build-up in the Chumbi Valley opposite Sikkim. In Ladakh, India's abandonment of its fort at Daulet Beg Oldi-apparently because of supply problems--virtually concedes control of the strategic Karakoram Pass.

The Indian Communist Party's espousal of a vigorously nationalistic line reportedly has led several leaders of the party's pro-Chinese faction to resign from the party's top policymaking body.

Pakistan, meanwhile, has reaffirmed its opposition to arms aid to India on the ground that India's new weapons may be used against it. President Ayub stated on 5 November that he would welcome serious negotiations with India on the Kashmir dispute, in effect setting this as a condition for Pakistan's cooperation. Ayub presumably intends to decline requests that Pakistan declare a moratorium on the Kashmir dispute.

In response to Pakistani objections, Turkey is reconsidering its promise of arms to India.

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